LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claim in the application:

1. (currently amended) A prosthetic endplate in an intervertebral motion disc having an anterior end and a posterior end, the endplate comprising:

i) an outer plate comprising an outer surface adapted for fixation to a first vertebral body, an inner surface, and a body portion therebetween,

ii) an inner plate comprising an ~~inner~~ outer surface having a first articulation surface, an ~~outer~~ inner surface, and a body portion therebetween,

iii) means for selectively adjusting a relative position of the inner plate upon the outer plate

wherein the means for selectively adjusting a relative position is disposed upon the inner surfaces and comprises an elongated channel and an elongated projection adapted to mate with the elongated channel,

wherein the elongated projection comprises a threaded throughhole running in the direction of the elongation,

wherein the means for selectively adjusting a relative position further comprises a captured screw disposed within the throughhole, the screw having an elongated shaft and a threadform thereon, the threadform being complimentary to the threaded throughole,

wherein the elongated channel comprises means for capturing the screw,

wherein the screw comprises ~~a longitudinal shaft having a thread thereon,~~ a blunt distal tip, and a proximal head having a slot, the elongated shaft comprising a recess adapted for reception of a locking clip,

a locking clip received in the recess of the elongated shaft,

wherein the means for capturing the screw ~~elongated channel further~~ comprises an anterior recess and a posterior recess defined by necks in the elongated channel,
wherein the blunt distal tip and the proximal head of the screw are respectively seated in the anterior recess and the posterior recess to render the screw captured and spatially fixed save rotation.

2. (canceled).

3. (previously presented)The endplate of claim 1 wherein the elongated channel is formed upon the inner surface of the outer plate and the elongated projection is formed upon the inner surface of the inner plate.

4. (previously presented) The endplate of claim 1 wherein the elongated channel is formed upon the inner surface of the inner plate and the projection is formed upon the inner surface of the outer plate.

5. (canceled).

6. (canceled).

7. (canceled).

8. (canceled).

9. (previously presented) The endplate of claim 1 wherein the means for capturing comprises a recess in the channel.

10. (previously presented)The endplate of claim 1 wherein the means for capturing comprises a shoulder in the channel.

11. (previously presented) The endplate of claim 1 wherein the means for capturing comprises a shoulder extending from the elongated shaft of the screw.

12. (canceled).

13. (previously presented)The endplate of claim 1 wherein the head of the screw is ~~further comprises a head~~ selected from the group consisting of a slotted head, an Allen head, a Torx.sup.R head, a Phillips head, and a Robertson.sup.R head.

14. (withdrawn)The endplate of claim 5 wherein the screw further comprises a magnetic portion.

15. (previously presented)The endplate of claim 1 further comprising: iv) a locking means for locking the screw.

16. (original)The endplate of claim 15 wherein the locking means comprises a cam.

17. (withdrawn)The endplate of claim 15 wherein the locking means comprises a hinged lever.

18. (withdrawn)The endplate of claim 15 wherein the locking means comprises a screw.

19. (previously presented) The endplate of claim 1 wherein the elongated projection runs in the anterior-posterior direction.

20-109. (canceled)